

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-15, 41-51, and 58-72 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-15, 41, 50, 51, 58-62, 66, 67, 70, and 71, has canceled claim 69, and has not added any new claims. Accordingly, claims 1-15, 41-51, 58-68, and 70-72 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action mailed January 16, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 41-51, and 58-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for reciting various claim terms that the Examiner found broad and indefinite. Based on a broad interpretation of these terms, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 41-51, and 58-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,504,589 to Montague, et al. ("Montague"). Nonetheless, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-15, 41-51, and 58-72 would be allowable over the prior art if amended to overcome the § 112 rejection, and suggested allowable alternative language.

Applicant acknowledges with thanks this indication of allowable subject matter. In addition, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Sherr for the courtesies extended during the telephone interviews on February 12, 2007 and March 9, 2007, in which she further clarified allowable language relating to the recited "simultaneous" feature. Consistent with these suggestions, Applicant has amended both independent and dependent claims (claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-15, 41, 58-62, 66, 67, 70, and 71) and canceled claim 69 to overcome the § 112 rejections. Applicant has also amended claims 50 and 51 to correct their dependencies. Applicant therefore

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respectfully submits that claims 1-15, 41-51, 58-68, and 70-72 now overcome both the § 112 rejection and the § 103 rejection, are patentable over prior art, and are in condition for allowance.

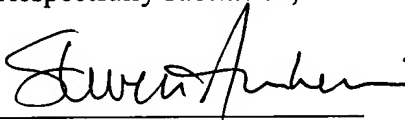
In view of the foregoing, all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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